

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/287,556	VANCURA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/27/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 23-35.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/29/02; 6/3/04 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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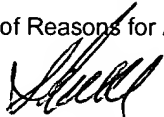
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Reasons for Allowance

Claims 23-35 are pending. Claims 23, 28, 29 and 33 are independent.

The closest identified prior art is U.S. Patent 5,743,800 to Huard et al.

Claim 23: Claim 23 calls for a method of playing a game of Baccarat including displaying a pay table to one or a plurality of players playing a Baccarat game, placing a Baccarat tie wager and rewarding at least one wagering player with a payout. Claim 23 differs from Huard et al. in defining the step of having a pay table display a plurality of winning Baccarat tie hands and rewarding the payout only when one of said displayed plurality of Baccarat tie hands occurs during play.

Claim 28: Claim 28 calls for a method of playing a game of Baccarat including displaying a pay table to one or a plurality of players playing a Baccarat game, placing a Baccarat tie wager and rewarding at least one wagering player with a payout. Claim 28 differs from Huard et al. in defining the step of having a pay table display a plurality of winning Baccarat tie hands and rewarding the payout only when one of said displayed plurality of Baccarat tie hands occurs during play.

Claim 29: Claim 29 calls for a method of playing a game of Baccarat including displaying a pay table to one or a plurality of players playing a Baccarat game, placing a Baccarat tie wager and rewarding at least one wagering player with a payout. Claim 29 differs from Huard et al. in defining the step of having a pay table display a plurality of winning Baccarat tie hands and rewarding the payout only when one of said displayed plurality of Baccarat tie hands occurs during play.

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Claim 33: Claim 33 calls for a method of playing a game of Baccarat including displaying a pay table to one or a plurality of players playing a Baccarat game, placing a Baccarat tie wager and rewarding at least one wagering player with a payout. Claim 33 differs from Huard et al. in defining the step of having a pay table display a plurality of winning Baccarat tie hands and rewarding the payout only when one of said displayed plurality of Baccarat tie hands occurs during play.

Claims 23, 28, 29 and 33 are therefore allowable. Claims 24-27, 30-32 and 34-35 are dependent therefrom and allowable as well.



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